

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A tape cartridge comprising:
- a reel hub unit, for winding a tape-shaped recording medium on its periphery, rotatably accommodated in said tape cartridge; and
- a leader member for holding and fixing a leading edge of the tape-shaped recording medium, wherein said leader member includes a pin member having a pair of collar portions between which the tape-shaped recording medium is positioned, and a clamp member fitted in between said collar portions from through an opening so formed in a longitudinal direction of a cylindrical body as to extend to end surfaces on both sides of said cylindrical body, and clamping the tape-shaped recording medium between said pin member and said clamp member itself, and
- chamfered portions are provided at edge portions of the opening of said clamp member-, said chamfered portions having a slope orthogonal to a plane passing between a center axis of the cylindrical body and a center line of the opening.
2. (Original) A tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein each of said chamfered portions is formed over to an end surface of said cylindrical body that faces said collar portion, to a side surface extending in the longitudinal direction of said opening and to an outer peripheral surface of said cylindrical body.
3. (Original) A tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein said chamfered portions are provided at both of shoulders facing each other with said opening interposed therebetween.

4. (Original) A tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein a length of said chamfered portion in a direction of the side surface extending in the longitudinal direction, falls within a range of 0.1 through 2 mm.

5. (Original) A tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein a chamfering angle made by a chamfering line of said chamfered portion and by the side surface extending in the longitudinal direction, falls within a range of 20 through 50 degrees.

6. (Original) A tape cartridge according to claim 2, wherein said chamfered portions are provided at both of shoulders facing each other with said opening interposed therebetween.

7. (Original) A tape cartridge according to claim 2, wherein a length of said chamfered portion in a direction of the side surface extending in the longitudinal direction, falls within a range of 0.1 through 2 mm.

8. (Original) A tape cartridge according to claim 2, wherein a chamfering angle made by a chamfering line of said chamfered portion and by the side surface extending in the longitudinal direction, falls within a range of 20 through 50 degrees.